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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - July 17, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Eduardo Vivero was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Court Judge Roger T. Benitez to serve 120 months in prison for Vivero's conviction for importation of 10.87 kilograms of cocaine. Judge Benitez also ordered that Vivero pay a fine of \$1500 and a \$100 special assessment fee, and serve a five-year term of supervised release following his release from prison.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney William M. Narus, who prosecuted the case, Vivero pled guilty on April 27, 2006, to being the driver of a Honda Accord that entered the Otay Mesa Port of Entry on February 16, 2006, and which contained approximately 24 pounds of cocaine concealed inside the vehicle.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 06CR0416-BEN

Eduardo Vivero

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

One Count

Importation of Cocaine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960

Maximum penalty is life in prison and a fine not to exceed \$4,000,000.

Minimum penalty is 120 months in prison and 5 years of supervised release.

AGENCIES

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement